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## Abstract

GLAWI is a free, large-scale and versatile Machine-Readable Dictionary (MRD) that has been extracted from the French language edition of Wiktionary, called Wiktionnaire. In (Sajous and Hathout, 2015), we introduced GLAWI, gave the rationale behind the creation of this lexicographic resource and described the extraction process, focusing on the conversion and standardization of the heterogeneous data provided by this collaborative dictionary. In the current article, we describe the content of GLAWI and illustrate how it is structured. We also suggest various applications, ranging from linguistic studies, NLP applications to psycholinguistic experimentation. They all can take advantage of the diversity of the lexical knowledge available in GLAWI. Besides this diversity and extensive lexical coverage, GLAWI is also remarkable because it is the only free lexical resource of contemporary French that contains definitions. This unique material opens way to the renewal of MRD-based methods, notably the automated extraction and acquisition of semantic relations.

**Keywords:** French, Machine-Readable Dictionary, Free Lexical Resource, Wiktionary, Wiktionnaire

## 1. Introduction

GLAWI<sup>1</sup> is a large Machine-Readable Dictionary (MRD) extracted from Wiktionnaire, the French language edition of Wiktionary, and converted into a workable XML format. In a previous work, Sajous et al. (2010) introduced WiktionaryX, an electronic lexicon including lemmas, semantic relations and translations. Hathout et al. (2014b) described how GLÀFF, a large inflectional and phonological lexicon, has been extracted from the same source. The assessment of GLÀFF's lexical coverage and the quality of its phonemic transcriptions has shown that Wiktionnaire is a valuable starting point to build lexical resources of good quality. Sajous and Hathout (2015) introduced GLAWI, a dictionary built from an updated version of Wiktionnaire that merges the information stored in WiktionaryX and GLÀFF into a single resource. New information, such as etymology and morphological relations, has also been added. Sajous and Hathout (2015) focused on the parsing process and the standardization of Wiktionnaire's heterogeneous data, a prerequisite to produce a workable MRD. In the current article, we illustrate the richness of GLAWI's lexical knowledge, leaving apart the extraction process. We also contemplate different uses that can be made of this resource, either in academic research, or in concrete NLP applications.

## 2. Resource description

The general structure of GLAWI's entries is illustrated in Figure 1. GLAWI's macro- and micro-structure are very close to the ones of Wiktionnaire: the basic unit is a word written form (hereafter, grapheme), associated with a given page/URL. When several parts of speech (POS) or homographs correspond to the same grapheme, the article contains one separate POS section for each one of them. Each POS section includes definitions (glosses and examples), and several optional subsections described hereafter. Table 1 gives the number of lemmas and inflected forms by POS.

| POS         | Lemmas  | Inflected forms |
|-------------|---------|-----------------|
| noun        | 179,340 | 272,170         |
| proper noun | 57,371  | 8,019           |
| adjective   | 56,296  | 93,295          |
| verb        | 36,928  | 1,251,809       |
| adverb      | 5,552   | 5,552           |
| total       | 335,487 | 1,630,845       |

Table 1: Lemmas and inflected forms for the main POS

### 2.1. Definitions

Word senses, marked by **definition** tags, are listed in the POS sections. A definition contains a gloss and possibly one or several usage examples. Glosses and examples are each available in four different versions (an example is given in Figure 2):

1. the original wikicode, intended for developers willing to perform specific extractions or conversions.
2. an XML formatted version where markups encode typesetting (boldface, italic, etc.), dates, foreign words, mathematical/chemical formulae and external/inner links. Markups can be used to select or to remove specific types of elements (e.g. foreign words or non textual content such as formulae). Links could be used by a weighting scheme in information retrieval (Cutler et al., 1997) or to build hyperlink graphs for semantic similarity computation (Weale et al., 2009).
3. a raw text version. Many other text versions can be generated from the XML one by selecting specific elements and formatting them differently.
4. a CoNLL output (Nivre et al., 2007) of the Talisman syntactic parser (Urieli, 2013). Dependencies may prove useful for various tasks. For example, Hathout et al. (2014a) used them as features to train a classifier and identify Wiktionnaire's glosses of derived action nouns, with an accuracy ranging from 94% to 99%.

<sup>1</sup>GLAWI is freely available at [http://redac.univ-tlse2.fr/lexicons/glawi\\_en.html](http://redac.univ-tlse2.fr/lexicons/glawi_en.html)

```

<article>
  <title>mousse</title>
  <pageId>7930</pageId>
  <meta>
    <category>Lexique en français de la navigation</category>
    <category>Noms multigenres en français</category>
    <reference>TLFi</reference>
  </meta>
  <text>
    <pronunciations>
      <pron region="France">mus</pron>
    </pronunciations>
    <pos type="nom" lemma="1" locution="0" homoNb="1" gender="f" number="s">
      <pronunciations>
        <pron>mus</pron>
      </pronunciations>
      <paradigm>
        <wiki>{{fr-rég|mus}}</wiki>
        <inflection form="mousse" gracePOS="Ncfs" pron="mus"/>
        <inflection form="mousses" gracePOS="Ncfp" pron="mus"/>
      </paradigm>
      ...
    </pos>
    <pos type="nom" lemma="1" locution="0" homoNb="2" gender="m" number="s">
      ...
    </pos>
    <pos type="nom" lemma="1" locution="0" homoNb="3" gender="m" number="s">
      ...
    </pos>
    <pos type="adjectif" lemma="1" locution="0" gender="e" number="s">
      ...
    </pos>
    <pos type="verbe" lemma="0" locution="0">
      <inflectionInfos>
        <inflected gracePOS="Vmip1s-" lemma="mousser" pron="mus"/>
        <inflected gracePOS="Vmip3s-" lemma="mousser" pron="mus"/>
        <inflected gracePOS="Vmisp1s-" lemma="mousser" pron="mus"/>
        <inflected gracePOS="Vmisp3s-" lemma="mousser" pron="mus"/>
        <inflected gracePOS="Vmmp2s-" lemma="mousser" pron="mus"/>
      </inflectionInfos>
    </pos>
  </text>
</article>

```

Figure 1: General structure of an article in GLAWI: *mousse* entries

## 2.2. Labels

As shown in Figure 2, definitions may include linguistic labels. They are identified by the parser and marked with **label** tags. Moreover, we inventoried thousands of labels and manually assigned to each one a category among the followings: *attitudinal*, *diachronic*, *diafrequential*, *diatopic*, *domain*, *grammar*, *loan*, *semantics* or *other* for un-inventoried labels.<sup>2</sup> GLAWI’s main linguistic labels are listed in Table 2. They can be used to study lexical variation. They may also prove useful for various applications. words marked as attitudinal may be used for sentiment analysis. Specialized lexicons can be extracted on the basis of domain labels. Words marked with these labels can also be used as seeds for focused web-crawling. Diafre-

quential labels may guide text simplification by favoring *more usual* words rather than *very rare* ones. Diatopic and diachronic labels may be leveraged in text classification, for instance, when building a corpus from the Web. Texts featuring a large number of *dated* or *archaic* words are likely to be archived historical documents. GLAWI’s diatopic variations may help distinguish closely related languages, for example hexagonal and overseas French. Blacklisted words based on such labels could be used to improve state-of-the-art classifiers, as Tiedemann and Ljubešić (2012) did to discriminate between Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian. Such lexicons may reveal French or Canadian origin in author profiling or identification, in a similar way to Tanguy et al. (2011), who used British/American English variants as features for author attribution.

<sup>2</sup>More details are given in (Sajous and Hathout, 2015).

```

<definition>
  <gloss>
    <labels>
      <label type="sem" value="métonymie"/>
      <label type="attitudinal" value="familier"/>
    </labels>
    <wiki>{{méton|fr}} {{familier|fr}} [[bière|Bière]]</wiki>
    <xml><innerLink ref="bière">Bière</innerLink></xml>
    <txt>Bière</txt>
    <parsed>1 Bière bière NC nc g=f|n=s 0 root 0 root 100,00 55,43 98,84</parsed>
  </gloss>

  <example>
    <wiki>'' Une bonne '''mousse''' bien fraîche, sans faux-col est un oxymore.'''</wiki>
    <xml><i> Une bonne <b>mousse</b> bien fraîche, sans faux-col est un oxymore.</i></xml>
    <txt> Une bonne mousse bien fraîche, sans faux-col est un oxymore.</txt>
    <parsed>1 " " PONCT PONCT _ 11 ponct 11 ponct 100,00 79,93 99,76
      2 Une une DET DET g=f|n=s 4 det 4 det 100,00 98,84 99,67
      3 bonne bon ADJ adj g=f|n=s 4 mod 4 mod 100,00 98,18 98,91
      4 mousse mousse NC nc n=s 11 suj 11 suj 100,00 91,02 89,73
      5 bien bien ADV adv _ 6 mod 6 mod 100,00 85,58 86,14
      6 fraîche frais ADJ adj g=f|n=s 4 mod 4 mod 100,00 71,25 98,98
      7 , , PONCT PONCT _ 11 ponct 11 ponct 100,00 92,74 98,89
      8 sans sans P P _ 11 mod 11 mod 100,00 88,98 98,01
      9 faux-col _ NC _ _ 8 prep 8 prep 100,00 65,45 81,85
      10 " " PONCT PONCT _ 11 ponct 11 ponct 100,00 95,95 86,35
      11 est être V v n=s|p=3|t=pst 0 root 0 root 100,00 96,82 99,88
      12 un un DET DET g=m|n=s 13 det 13 det 100,00 83,94 99,52
      13 oxymore _ NC _ _ 11 ats 11 ats 100,00 60,64 77,93
      14 . . PONCT PONCT _ 11 ponct 11 ponct 100,00 100,00 99,80
    </parsed>
  </example>
</definition>

```

Figure 2: A given sense of *mousse* (feminine noun, homograph #1) as a metonym for *bière* ‘bier’

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<etymology>
  <etym>
    <labels>
      <label type="diachronic" value="1759"/>
    </labels>
    <wiki>{{date|1759}} du {{étyl|grc|fr|μονόξυλος|monoxylous|}}
      {{cf|mono-|-xyle|lang=fr}}.</wiki>
    <xml><date>1759</date> du grec ancien
      <foreignWord lang="grc" translit="monoxylous">μονόξυλος</foreignWord>
      <cf value="mono-|-xyle" lang="fr"/>.</xml>
    <txt>du grec ancien μονόξυλος monoxylous voir mono- et -xyle.</txt>
    <parsed>1 du de P+D P+D g=m|n=s 5 mod 5 mod 100,00 49,16 86,08
      2 grec grec NC nc g=m|n=s 1 prep 1 prep 100,00 37,48 96,64
      3 ancien ancien ADJ adj g=m|n=s 2 mod 2 mod 100,00 82,63 97,10
      4 μονόξυλος _ NPP _ _ 2 mod 2 mod 100,00 21,27 92,84
      5 monoxylous _ V _ _ 0 root 0 root 100,00 44,77 99,11
      6 voir voir VINF v _ _ 5 obj 5 obj 100,00 50,63 76,69
      7 mono- _ ADV _ _ 6 mod 6 mod 100,00 19,45 75,96
      8 et et CC CC _ 6 coord 6 coord 100,00 30,70 76,45
      9 -xyle _ NPP _ _ 8 dep_coord 8 dep_coord 38,96 54,48 96,89
      10 . . PONCT PONCT _ 5 ponct 5 ponct 100,00 100,00 99,07
    </parsed>
  </etym>
</etymology>

```

Figure 3: Etymology of *monoxyle* ‘dugout’

| Diafrequential       |                     | 6,166  | Diatopic             |                      | 8,726   |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------|----------------------|----------------------|---------|
| rare                 | rare                | 4,215  | Québec               | Quebec               | 1,717   |
| extrêmement rare     | extremely rare      | 1,016  | France               | France               | 1,138   |
| très rare            | very rare           | 301    | Canada               | Canada               | 971     |
| plus courant         | more common         | 190    | Suisse               | Switzerland          | 962     |
| courant              | common              | 186    | Belgique             | Belgium              | 637     |
| plus rare            | more rare           | 176    | Lorraine             | Lorraine             | 299     |
| moins courant        | less common         | 62     | Occitanie            | Occitanie            | 246     |
| peu usité            | rarely used         | 20     | Normandie            | Normandie            | 134     |
|                      |                     |        | Provence             | Provence             | 123     |
| Diachronic           |                     | 24,450 | Acadie               | Acadie               | 122     |
| vieilli              | old                 | 9,431  | Louisiane            | Louisiana            | 90      |
| désuet               | dated               | 6,043  | Réunion              | Réunion              | 89      |
| avant 1835           | before 1835         | 1,654  | Afrique              | Africa               | 64      |
| néologisme           | neologism           | 820    | Congo-Kinshasa       | Congo-Kinshasa       | 47      |
| archaïque            | archaic             | 661    | Ardennes             | Ardennes             | 46      |
| 1986                 |                     | 73     | Languedoc-Roussillon | Languedoc-Roussillon | 44      |
| 1990                 |                     | 72     | Bretagne             | Brittany             | 40      |
| 766 other years      |                     | 5,841  | 362 other areas      |                      | 1,957   |
| Loanwords            |                     | 1,493  | Domains              |                      | 155,532 |
| anglicisme           | Anglicism           | 1,446  | localités            | locality             | 49,060  |
| indo-européen commun | usual indo-european | 22     | géographie           | geography            | 11,935  |
| hispanisme           | Hispanism           | 11     | botanique            | botanic              | 6,461   |
| germanisme           | Germanism           | 7      | zoologie             | zoology              | 5,460   |
| gaulois              | Gallic              | 4      | médecine             | medecine             | 5,258   |
| catalan              | Catalan             | 3      | chimie               | chemistry            | 3,358   |
|                      |                     |        | histoire             | history              | 2,804   |
|                      |                     |        | marine               | sailing              | 2,644   |
| Semantics            |                     | 23,860 | religion             | religion             | 2,559   |
| figuré               | figurative          | 10,859 | linguistique         | linguistics          | 2,177   |
| par extension        | by extension        | 6,666  | agriculture          | agriculture          | 2,071   |
| en particulier       | in particular       | 2,574  | anatomie             | anatomy              | 2,005   |
| analogie             | analogy             | 1,213  | informatique         | computer science     | 1,718   |
| métonymie            | metonymy            | 886    | droit                | law                  | 1,698   |
| ellipse              | ellipsis            | 793    | physique             | physics              | 1,579   |
| spécialement         | especially          | 704    | militaire            | military             | 1,572   |
| métaphore            | metaphor            | 75     | musique              | music                | 1,570   |
| hyperbole            | hyperbole           | 30     | minéralogie          | mineralogy           | 1,531   |
| apocope              | apocope             | 24     | biologie             | biology              | 1,515   |
| généralement         | generally           | 19     | antiquité            | antique              | 1,327   |
| litote               | litote              | 10     | cuisine              | cooking              | 1,284   |
| figure               | rethorical figure   | 7      | 367 other domains    |                      | 45,946  |

Table 2: Main linguistic labels used in definitions and etymology sections. Translations are given in the right column.

### 2.3. Etymology

85 % of the pages describing a lemma include an etymology section. Figure 3 shows the etymology for *monoxyle* ‘dugout’. Etymologies are available in the four formats listed in Section 2.1.: original wikicode, XML, raw text and CoNLL versions. The information given in Figure 3 includes an attestation date (1759), a source language (Ancient Greek) and a morphological structure (*mono*-|*-xyle*). Indications about words formation may be used to complement the morphological relations (cf. section 2.6.). Optional words’ transliterations may also be given when words are written in non Latin alphabets. For example, the transliteration *monoxyllos* is provided for the Greek *μονόξυλος*. The meaning of the etymon in the source lan-

guage may also be given as an attribute. Figure 4 illustrates that the sense of the Romani etymon *piyav* of the French *pillaver*, is *boire* ‘drink alcohol’. The main languages of origin of the French words mentioned in the etymology sections are listed in Table 3.

```
<foreignWord lang="rom"
sense="boire">piyav</foreignWord>
```

Figure 4: Meaning of the Romani *piyav*, found in the etymology of the French *pillaver*

| # Etym               | Language                               | Examples   |
|----------------------|--|--|
| 17,093               | Latin                                  | <i>bibliothèque</i> ‘library’, <i>optimum</i> ‘optimum’              |
| 5,954                | Greek                                  | <i>monoxyle</i> ‘dugout’, <i>pédagogie</i> ‘pedagogy’                |
| 4,403                | English                                | <i>self-service</i> , <i>syllabification</i>                         |
| 2,935                | Occitan                                | <i>resquiller</i> ‘to queue-jump’, <i>escalade</i> ‘climbing’        |
| 1,732                | Old French                             | <i>empoté</i> ‘clumsy’, <i>se débiner</i> ‘to leave secretly’        |
| 1,189                | Italian                                | <i>bambin</i> ‘toddler’, <i>mandoline</i> ‘mandoline’                |
| 775                  | Spanish                                | <i>aficionado</i> ‘fan’, <i>sieste</i> ‘nap’                         |
| 712                  | Arabic                                 | <i>algèbre</i> ‘algebra’, <i>baroud</i> ‘combat’                     |
| 591                  | German                                 | <i>ersatz</i> ‘inferior quality substitute’, <i>nouille</i> ‘noodle’ |
| 400                  | Japanese                               | <i>kanji</i> ‘kanji’, <i>kimono</i> ‘kimono’                         |
| 311                  | Russian                                | <i>chaman</i> ‘shaman’, <i>bélouga</i> ‘beluga’                      |
| 264                  | Frankish                               | <i>fauteuil</i> ‘armchair’, <i>hache</i> ‘axe’                       |
| 244                  | Catalan                                | <i>paella</i> ‘paella’, <i>salicorne</i> ‘samphire’                  |
| 207                  | Breton                                 | <i>cohue</i> ‘rabble’, <i>menhir</i> ‘menhir’                        |
| 197                  | Dutch                                  | <i>havre</i> ‘harbor’, <i>maquignon</i> ‘horse trader’               |
| 196                  | Portuguese                             | <i>caravelle</i> ‘caravel’, <i>piranha</i> ‘piranha’                 |
| 175                  | Gaulish                                | <i>trogne</i> ‘mug (face)’, <i>andain</i> ‘swath’                    |
| 164                  | Hebrew                                 | <i>talmud</i> ‘Talmud’, <i>schwa</i> ‘schwa’                         |
| 163                  | Basque                                 | <i>jokari</i> ‘Jokari’, <i>axoa</i> (Basque veal stew)               |
| 138                  | Sanskrit                               | <i>nirvana</i> ‘nirvana’, <i>gourou</i> ‘guru’                       |
| + 3,155              | etymologies in 306 other languages     |  |
| <b>Total: 40,410</b> | etymologies in 326 different languages |  |

Table 3: 20 most frequently mentioned languages in GLAWI’s etymology sections

## 2.4. Semantic relations

POS sections may include (quasi-)synonyms/antonyms, hypernyms/hyponyms, meronyms/holonyms and troponyms. An example of such relations is given in Figure 5 for the noun *communisme* ‘communism’. The number of semantics sections per POS and the total number of semantic relations are given in Table 4.

```
<subsection type="semRel">
  <item type="synonym">collectivisme</item>
  <item type="synonym">marxisme</item>
  <item type="antonym">capitalisme</item>
  <item type="hyperonym">idéologie</item>
  <item type="hyponym">bolchévisme</item>
  <item type="hyponym">léninisme</item>
  <item type="hyponym">trotskisme</item>
</subsection>
```

Figure 5: Semantic relations for *communisme*

Such lexical semantic links may prove useful for various applications such as lexical substitution (McCarthy and Navigli, 2009), metaphor resolution (Desalle et al., 2009) or when setting up protocols for the detection of pathologies (Desalle et al., 2014).

## 2.5. Translations

POS sections often include translations in various languages. Figure 6 gives an example of translations for *piste cyclable* ‘bicycle path’. We can see that languages such as Norwegian Bokmål and Norwegian Nynorsk have two different language codes. The number of translations per POS is given in Table 5.

| Semantic Relations |            |              |        |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|--------|
| POS                | # sections | Relations    |        |
| nouns              | 31,332     | synonym      | 46,605 |
|                    |            | near-synonym | 2,454  |
|                    |            | antonym      | 4,625  |
|                    |            | hyperonym    | 20,093 |
|                    |            | hyponym      | 21,472 |
|                    |            | holonym      | 1,115  |
|                    |            | meronym      | 2,566  |
| adjectives         | 5,613      | synonym      | 8,854  |
|                    |            | near-synonym | 833    |
|                    |            | antonym      | 3,858  |
|                    |            | hyperonym    | 483    |
|                    |            | hyponym      | 1,062  |
|                    |            | holonym      | 23     |
|                    |            | meronym      | 34     |
| verbs              | 5,157      | synonym      | 9,322  |
|                    |            | near-synonym | 643    |
|                    |            | antonym      | 1,675  |
|                    |            | hyperonym    | 86     |
|                    |            | hyponym      | 162    |
|                    |            | troponym     | 125    |
| adverbs            | 1,491      | synonym      | 3,041  |
|                    |            | near-synonym | 196    |
|                    |            | antonym      | 494    |

Table 4: Semantic relations

```

<translations>
  <trans lang="de">Radweg</trans>
  <trans lang="en">bicycle path</trans>
  <trans lang="it">pista ciclabile</trans>
  <trans lang="it">ciclopista</trans>
  <trans lang="nl">fietspad</trans>
  <trans lang="no_nb">sykkelvei</trans>
  <trans lang="no_nn">sykkelveg</trans>
  <trans lang="pt">ciclovia</trans>
  <trans lang="sv">cykelväg</trans>
</translations>

```

Figure 6: Translations for *piste cyclable* ‘bicycle path’

| Translations |            |                |
|--------------|------------|----------------|
| POS          | # sections | # translations |
| nouns        | 71,133     | 383,612        |
| adjectives   | 16,797     | 60,360         |
| verbs        | 11,484     | 70,615         |
| adverbs      | 3,014      | 14,478         |
| total        | 102,428    | 529,065        |

Table 5: Translations

Many applications may benefit from these translations. Statistical machine translation algorithms tend to disregard lexicons. However, when no parallel corpora are available, algorithms may resort to monolingual corpora and bilingual lexicon induction (Klementiev et al., 2012). The induction process requires a seed dictionary that GLAWI could provide for many language pairs. GLAWI’s translations could also be used to complement existing multilingual resources such as PanDictionary (Mausam et al., 2009), a multilingual translation graphs which compiles numerous dictionaries. Translations may even help infer monolingual information. For example, they can be used to compute semantic relatedness: two words of a given language translating to the same words in different languages are likely to have close meanings (Sajous et al., 2013).

## 2.6. Morphological relations

GLAWI contains compounds, derivative and “related” words that correspond to Wiktionnaire’s sections entitled *Composés*, *Dérivés* and *Apparentés étymologiques*. Examples of such morphological relations are presented for the noun *nom* ‘name/noun’ in Figure 7.

```

<subsection type="morpho">
  <item type="compound">nom commun</item>
  <item type="compound">nom collectif</item>
  <item type="compound">prête-nom</item>
  <item type="derivative">nommer</item>
  <item type="derivative">nommage</item>
  <item type="derivative">nomination</item>
  <item type="related">anonyme</item>
</subsection>

```

Figure 7: Morphological relations for *nom* ‘name/noun’

The number of morphological sections per POS and the total number of morphological relations are given in Table 6. In addition to the morphological sections, information about derivational or compositional coinage of words may be found in the etymology sections (cf. section 2.3.). GLAWI’s morphological relations may be used for research in computational morphology and to build morphological resources like Morphonette,<sup>3</sup> a paradigm-based morphological network (Hathout, 2011) and Démonette,<sup>4</sup> a French derivational morpho-semantic network (Hathout and Namer, 2014). They could also be leveraged in NLP applications. For example, Padó et al. (2013) use derivative words to overcome data sparseness in distributional analysis.

| Morphological Relations |            |            |        |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|--------|
| POS                     | # sections | Relations  |        |
| nouns                   | 16,948     | compound   | 1,118  |
|                         |            | derivative | 50,506 |
|                         |            | related    | 22,874 |
| adjectives              | 4,939      | compound   | 309    |
|                         |            | derivative | 9,481  |
|                         |            | related    | 6,767  |
| verbs                   | 5,443      | compound   | 109    |
|                         |            | derivative | 10,684 |
|                         |            | related    | 5,170  |
| adverbs                 | 899        | derivative | 488    |
|                         |            | related    | 1,284  |

Table 6: Morphological relations

## 2.7. Forms variation

In Wiktionnaire, alternative spellings may result in separate pages for the same word, such as *nénuphar* and *nénufar* ‘water lily’. Other form variations result in redirection links. Though most of them only serve navigational purpose (e.g. to redirect to an existing page when ligatures or diacritics are omitted, when alternative single quotes are used, etc.). Some may be collected to build a lexicon of form variants (see Table 7). Moreover, common misspellings can be used by spell-checkers or for educational purposes. Alternative forms can also benefit text normalization in corpus processing and information retrieval. More deviant variations (oral transcriptions, text language, etc.) can help analyze computer-mediated communications (Melero et al., 2012; Baldwin et al., 2013).

## 2.8. Phonemic transcriptions

94 % of GLAWI’s entries contain one or several phonemic transcriptions. They may include diatopic variations. Figure 8a illustrates regional variants: *moins* ‘minus, less’

<sup>3</sup>[http://redac.univ-tlse2.fr/lexicons/morphonette\\_en.html](http://redac.univ-tlse2.fr/lexicons/morphonette_en.html)

<sup>4</sup>[http://redac.univ-tlse2.fr/lexicons/demonette\\_en.html](http://redac.univ-tlse2.fr/lexicons/demonette_en.html)



| Form  | Standard/other form   | Translation/indication  | Variation type  |
|---|---|---|---|
| nénuphar<br>maîtriser   | nénufar<br>maîtriser  | water lily<br>to master   | alternative spelling suggested<br>by the 1990 reform                |
| quinquénat<br>évidament   | quinquennat<br>évidemment   | five year period<br>obviously                                       | frequent misspelling  |
| enkikiner   | enquiquiner   | to bother, to annoy   | voluntary misspelling (texto/forum)                                 |
| c'qui   | ce qui  | which   | oral transcription  |
| coeur   | cœur  | heart   | ligature  |
| & al.   | et al.  |   | symbol/litteral   |
| VOIP  | VoIP  |   | case  |
| écart type<br>copier-coller<br>climato-sceptique                  | écart-type<br>copier/coller<br>climatosceptique                   | standard deviation<br>copy and paste<br>climateskeptics             | compound linking character  |
| abreuvement   | abreuvage   | watering  | concurrent suffixes   |
| graticiel   | gratuiciel  | freeware  | portmanteau formation   |
| débit de boisson  | débit de boissons   | public house, pub   | inflection within MWE   |
| erratums  | errata  |   | French/Latin inflection   |
| coulibiac<br>halal<br>mozzarella<br>chai<br>clubbeur<br>N'Djaména | koulibiak<br>hallal<br>mozzarella<br>tchai<br>clubber<br>Ndjamena | stuffed Russian baked dough<br><br>Italian mild cheese<br>black tea | loan word/conventional<br>transcriptions<br><br>foreign proper name |

Table 7: Examples of form variations

is pronounced /mwẽ/ in “standard” French (Paris) and /mwẽs/ in Southern France (Marseille). An example of national variations is given in the Figure 8b, where two different transcriptions are given for *sorcière* ‘witch’ in France and Québec (Canada). Hathout et al. (2014b) have shown that the quality of Wiktionnaire’s transcriptions and syllabation is comparable to those of existing phonological lexicons, the latter having a smaller coverage.

Quality pronunciation lexicons have a significant impact on text-to-speech systems. While unknown words are processed by machine-learned models, grapheme-to-phoneme conversion of common words use large-scale pronunciation lexicons (Rojc and Kačič, 2007). Phonemic transcriptions and syllabations are also widely used in psycholinguistics to set up experimental material for semantic priming, as in (Bracco et al., 2015).

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<pronunciations>
  <pron area="Paris">mwẽ</pron>
  <pron area="Marseille">mwẽs</pron>
</pronunciations>
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(a) Transcriptions of *moins* ‘minus, less’

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<pronunciations>
  <pron area="France">sɔʁ.sjɛʁ</pron>
  <pron area="Québec">sɔʁ.sjæʁ</pron>
</pronunciations>
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(b) Transcriptions of *sorcière* ‘witch’

Figure 8: Examples of phonemic transcriptions with diatopic variations

### 3. Conclusion

The GLAWI machine-readable dictionary is a new type of lexicographical resource that eases the use of Wiktionary for both linguistic research and NLP. The standardization of the wikicode allows the user to easily extract a variety of information, such as neologisms, feminine equivalent of masculine nouns, etc. To date, it is the only free resource available for contemporary French that contains definitions. We plan to develop a user interface to query GLAWI by setting conditions on the individual fields that make up the entries in a way similar to GLÀFFOLI,<sup>5</sup> the online interface provided to manually query GLÀFF.

This work opens the way to the creation of similar resources for other languages, including those who do not yet have any freely available Machine-Readable Dictionary. Electronic dictionaries similar to GLAWI are under development for Italian and English. The many possible uses of this type of dictionaries will also improve the endowment of poorly or lesser-resourced languages in quality linguistic resources. At the time of writing, a morphosyntactic Serbian lexicon extracted from Wiktionary is currently being released.

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<sup>5</sup><http://redac.univ-tlse2.fr/glaffoli/>



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